

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Commissioners

Staff Director

Deputy Staff Director Acting General Counsel

FROM:

Office of the Commission Secretary

DATE:

May 7, 2001

SUBJECT:

Statement of Reasons for MUR 5148

Attached is a copy of the Statement of Reasons for

MUR 5148 signed by Chairman Danny L. McDonald, Vice Chairman

David M. Mason, Commissioner Karl J. Sandstrom, Commissioner

Bradley A. Smith, Commissioner Scott E. Thomas, and Commissioner

Darryl R. Wold. This was received in the Commission Secretary's Office

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In re Nebraska Republican State Central Committee)
Stenberg for Senate 2000 Committee) MUR 5148

STATEMENT OF REASONS

On April 3, 2001, the Commission voted unanimously to find reason to believe that Respondents Nebraska Republican State Central Committee and the Stenberg for Senate 2000 Committee violated the Federal Election Campaign Act, but to take no further action.¹ The Commission made its reason to believe finding because Respondents admitted to having violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d. Because Respondents immediately took remedial action and a further expenditure of resources is not warranted relative to other matters pending before the Commission, we exercised our prosecutorial discretion by not taking further action. See Heckler v. Chaney, 470 U.S. 821 (1985).

May 8, 2001

Danny L. McDonald, Chairman

Karl J. Sandstrom, Commissioner

Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner

David M. Mason, Vice Chairman

Bradley A. Smith, Commissioner

Darryl R. Wold Commissioner

¹ The General Counsel recommended dismissing the matter as a low-rated case under the Commission's Enforcement Priority System because Respondents took some remedial action and the matter is less significant relative to other matters pending before the Commission.